

Appomattox Court House National Historical Park

Education Programs



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Programs are **Free** for students and teachers, so book early!

Programs are conducted by NPS Rangers at Appomattox Court House NHP.

Please remember that reservations are first come first served and not all programs are available every day.

Programs (descriptions on back)

The McLean House

Civil War Soldier Life

19th Century Toys and Games

Civil War Kitchen

Civil War Medicine

Civil War Music

Civil War Home Front

Parole Passes

Musket Firing Demonstration

Stacking of Arms

Grades

4th – 12th

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Program length

20 minutes

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Standards of Learning:

History 1.2, 2.11, 3.5, 3.6, 3.7, 3.8, 3.11, VS.7, USI.1, USI.9 USII.1, USII.3, USII.4, VUS.1, VUS.7

English 1.1, 3.1, 3.11, 4.1, 4.2, 4.5, 4.6, 4.6c, 4.7, 4.8, 5.1, 5.2, 5.6, 5.7, 5.8 (Under revision)

Education Program Descriptions

- ♥ **The McLean House:** In this 20 minute program, students learn about the events that took place in the McLean house when Confederate General Robert E. Lee surrendered the Army of Northern Virginia to Union Lieutenant General Ulysses S. Grant on April 9th 1865, beginning the end of our Civil War.
- ♥ **Civil War Soldier Life:** In this 20 minute program, the students are shown uniforms, equipment and personal items common to the soldiers of both sides during the Civil War and learn a little about the life of a soldier.
- ♥ **19th Century Toys and Games:** In this 20 minute program, students learn what children did for amusement in the 19th century including popular toys and parlor and outside games.
- ♥ **Civil War Kitchen:** In this 20 minute program students learn about what life was like for the folks at home throughout the Civil War by exploring the chores related to growing and preparing food and the diet of the typical Virginian throughout the war years.
- ♥ **Civil War Medicine:** : In this 20 minute program the students learn the role physicians played in treating the sick and wounded soldiers of the Civil War including common ailments and their treatments.
- ♥ **Civil War Music:** In this 20 minute program the students learn the role music played throughout the Civil War and how the music evolved as the war went on to reflect the feelings of the participants.
- ♥ **Civil War Home Front:** This 20 minute program teaches the students about the effect the blockade had on the Southern economy and how it affected life at home throughout the Civil War. We also discuss methods of coping with shortages.
- ♥ **Parole Passes:** In this 20 minute program the students learn what a parole pass is and how it aided the returning Confederate soldiers on their journey home. The program also includes a "hands on" portion using a reproduction Civil War era printing press.
- ♥ **Musket Firing Demonstration:** This 20 minute program explains some of the weapons and tactics of the Civil War as well as a demonstration of how the soldiers of both sides loaded and fired their state of the military art muskets.
- ♥ **Stacking of Arms:** During this forty minute program, the students stand in as Civil War soldiers from both sides and learn some basic drill. It concludes with a reenactment of the April 12th surrender ceremony of the Confederate infantry. The students use flags, drums and toy muskets.